

No. R-109. House concurrent resolution congratulating Richard E. Prentiss on 50 years of dedicated firefighting service in the Town of Bennington.

(H.C.R.91)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Carroll of Bennington, and Corcoran of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, in April 1969, Dick Prentiss joined Putnam Hose Company No. 3 (the Company), and he continues to respond to the Company's alarm, and

Whereas, his service and leadership in the Company, on behalf of the community, has been superb, and

Whereas, in fighting blazes, Dick Prentiss has exercised on-the-scene leadership as the Company's second- and then first-assistant foreman, and

Whereas, within the Company, his administrative duties have spanned the organizational chart, and

Whereas, the Battle Day committee, responsible for the Company's role in Bennington Battle Day observances, the bylaw committee, the Ladies' Night committee, and the Old Timers' Dinner committee have benefited from his membership, and

Whereas, he served for three years as a Company trustee, from 1998–2004 as vice president of the Company, and since 2004 as president, and

Whereas, Dick Prentiss is a leader in the Bennington Fire Department's fire prevention program and has instructed children and adults on this important public-safety topic, and

Whereas, when acting as a dispatcher, Dick Prentiss has calmly and professionally directed personnel and equipment to the scene of a blaze, and

Whereas, he is responsible for the Bennington Mutual Aid County Car 2, commonly known as MAC 2, and

Whereas, his son, daughter, and son-in-law are Bennington firefighters, and Dick Prentiss anticipates that his grandchildren will eventually don firefighters' uniforms, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Richard E. Prentiss on 50 years of dedicated firefighting service in the Town of Bennington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dick Prentiss.